GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:101
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2000
PERFORMANCE OF INDIA IN SYDNEY OLYMPICS
V. SAROJA;YOGI ADITYANATH

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have assessed the poor performance of Indian team in the recently held Sydney Olympics;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the dismal performance; (

(c) whether the Government have conducted any study in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of sports persons (event-wise) and officials (department-wise) sent to Sydney in comparison to other countries alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon including the details of source from where they drew money;

(e) whether some officials visited Sydney without any purpose;

(f) if so, the action proposed against them;
(g) whether any inquiry is proposed in the whole episode;
(h) if so, the details thereof;
(i) the details of the future plan envisaged for bringing Indian sports at par with international level; and
(j) the findings of the genetic study for sports undertaken at Military Hospital's Cardiac and Thoracic Centre at Pune during last year and steps taken in light thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a) to (j) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (j) OF THE LOKSABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.101 FOR 27.11.2000 REGARDING PERFORMANCE OF INDIA IN SYDNEY OLYMPICS ASKED BY DR.V. SAROJA AND SHRI ADITYA NATH YOGI.

(a) & (b) The performance of the Indian Contingent in the Sydney Olympic was unsatisfactory in terms of medals secured. However, relative to the earlier performance at the Atlanta Olympics, the performance of India in many disciplines such as Boxing, Weightlifting (W), Judo and Shooting was better.

(c) This is a continuos process. The performance of Indian Contingent has been discussed at various forums and various measures have been considered to improve the standard of sports in India.

(d) The Indian contingent comprised 123 persons which included 71 sports persons; 50 officials in the category of Coaches, Doctors, Managers, Masseurs and 2 youth campers. The event-wise break up of Sports persons and officials is at Annexure-I. The officials were cleared discipline-wise not department-wise.

The details of contingents of other participating countries is at Annexure-II.

As regards expenditure, free air passage, boarding and lodging was provided by the organisers to the accredited contingents. Government of India sanctioned an amount of Rs.64,40,175/- to Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and released Rs.58.00 lakhs as first installment.

(e) The government only cleared visit of officials whose presence in Sydney was considered appropriate.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) Does not arise.

(i) Promotion and development of Sports is an ongoing process and Government of India in consultation withSports Authority of India; IOA and National Sports Federations is taking the following steps:-

1. Broadening the base − Especially for competitive sports.

2. Improved infrastructure − for the National Teams.

3. Improving the knowledge of our Coaching Community.

4 . Improving the practical knowledge of our sports scientists to enable them to contribute along with the coaches t o enhance performance of sports persons.

5. Improved functioning and professionalisation in management of Sports Federations.

6. Greater involvement of States in the development of Sports Infrastructure and improved training of sport persons.

7 Involving the private sector to adopt and sponsor individual/specific sports disciplines.

8. To create awareness in the general public for greater participation in sports activities.

(j) Government has not received the report of the genetic study for sports undertaken at Military Hospital Cardiac and Thoracic Centre at Pune. However, as and when it is received required action will be taken.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.101 FOR 27.11.2000 REGAR PERFORMANCE OF INDIA IN SYDENY OLYMPICS ASKED BY DR. V. SAROJA AND SHRI ADITYA NATH YOGI

Discipline	Players M	Players Fe	Coaches	Doctor	Masseuse/ Massure	Physio	Manager	Others	Total
Athletics	14	15	4	2	1	0	2	0	38
Badminton	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Boxing	4	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	8
Equiestarian	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hockey	16	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	21
Judo	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Rowing	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4
Shooting	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	6
Swimming	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Table Tennis	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4

Tennis	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	6
Weightlifging	1	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	7
Wrestling	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
IOA						1		10	11
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TOTAL	47	24	19	6	1	1	6	12	116

Others

Tech. Officials	4
Olympic Attache	1
Youth Camp Participants	2
GRAND TOTAL	123